



UTAH FOREST LEGACY PROGRAM

PROJECT APPLICATIONS FOR FY 2011



The Utah Division of Forestry, Fire and State Lands is currently receiving project applications for consideration for the Forest Legacy Program (FLP) in federal fiscal year 2011. The FLP is a voluntary program that seeks to protect environmentally important forestlands that are threatened by conversion to non-forest uses. The FLP operates on the "willing buyer, willing seller" principle and the program assures that both traditional uses of private lands and the public benefits of America's forests are protected for future generations. The goals of Utah's FLP are to maintain forest sustainability, protect and enhance water quality and supplies, conserve wildlife habitat and protect and restore riparian areas while providing for the continued working of Utah's forestlands. The FLP uses conservation easements to protect these important forested areas.

Private landowner properties located within one of the eight Utah Forest Legacy Areas are eligible to apply. (See attached map for eligible Forest Legacy Areas.) The program can provide up to 75% of the program costs for the purchase of conservation easements on private forestlands, with a minimum 25% match requirement coming from a landowner donation or other private, state or local sources.

Although landowners are encouraged to work with a land trust organization to develop their project, it is not necessary. Applications are evaluated by the Utah Forest Stewardship Coordinating Committee, Forest Legacy subcommittee with final approval by the State Forester. Projects are evaluated using the following three core criteria: *Importance*, *Threatened* and *Strategic*. The level of *Readiness* will also be considered when ranking projects. The top three projects from the state are submitted to the regional and national ranking process for final funding consideration. Funds are awarded to successful projects two years after submitting the initial application.

Applications must be received by June 1, 2009 to be considered for fiscal year 2011. All proposals must address all of the Application Requirements and include maps, photos and required supporting documentation. Applications received after the June 1, 2009 deadline will not be considered fiscal year 2011. Applicants may reapply to the Forest Legacy Program every year, however, a new application must be submitted each year.

An electronic copy of this document can be downloaded from our website at <http://www.ffsl.utah.gov/forestryassist/legacy/legacy.php>. If you have any questions about the application process please contact Laura Ault. Please submit 2 hard copies and 1 full electronic copy of the project proposal to:

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